

The Senate Higher Education Committee offered the following substitute to HB 311:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Subpart 5 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Subpart 5 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, is amended by revising division (2)(C)(i) of Code Section 20-3-411, relating to definitions, as follows:

"(C)(i) A qualified proprietary institution of higher education located in this state which is a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher education; which is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education; which is not a Bible school or college (or, at the graduate level, a school or college of theology or divinity); which admits as regular students only persons who have a high school diploma, a general educational development (GED) diploma, or a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution; whose students are eligible to participate in the federal Pell Grant program; which has been reviewed and approved for operation and for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission; and which has been in existence for at least ~~ten~~ 14 years; provided, however, that the criteria for approval for receipt of tuition equalization grant funds shall include but not be limited to areas of course study, quality of instruction, student placement rate, research and library sources, faculty, support staff, financial resources, physical plant facilities resources, and support and equipment resources."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.